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Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001

Programme 26. Disarmament

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.

2. Regulation 3.11 provides, *inter alia*, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions proposed below modify paragraphs 26.1 and 26.4 through 26.6 of programme 26, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/219 of 18 December 1996 and issued in document A/51/6/Rev.1 and Corr.1.

A. Programme

Paragraph 26.1 In the last sentence, replace "Centre" with "Department".

Paragraph 26.4 *Add* the following at end of paragraph:

"In this context, the three regional centres for peace and disarmament established in Nepal, Peru and Togo should be utilized. These centres should address the important security problems in their respective regions and subregions in a balanced manner."

Paragraph 26.5 *Replace* paragraph 26.5 with the following:

"The fourth objective is to lend support to the efforts of interested States with a view to facilitating the provision of assistance to affected States in the consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures."

Paragraph 26.6 (old) *Replace* paragraph 26.6 with the following:

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"26.6 The fifth objective consists of providing impartial, factual information on the disarmament efforts of the United Nations to Member States, parliamentarians, research and academic institutions, non-governmental organizations and the general public through the Disarmament Information Programme and by providing Member States with full access to the disarmament databases. This would include, as appropriate, organizing open-ended conferences, seminars and workshops for informal exchanges of views on arms control, disarmament and international security issues. Furthermore, in view of the rapidly changing international situation, the emergence of new political initiatives and the need for greater transparency, the Department for Disarmament Affairs will further develop its public outreach through the collection and dissemination of information that is uniquely available to the United Nations, in particular on issues commanding political consensus among Member States. The disarmament fellowship programme will continue to be pursued with the primary objective of further promoting the disarmament expertise of Member States, particularly in the developing countries. Member States will be assisted in addressing specific disarmament concerns through the provision of training and advisory services."

B. Legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

Delete the following resolutions:

2992 (XXVII)	Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace
50/76	Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace

Replace the following resolutions:

33/71 E with 51/46 F

35/142 A and 49/66 with 52/32

37/99, 46/36 and 50/70 with 52/38

40/15 I, 42/39 and 50/71 with 52/39

41/60 J with 50/71 C

42/45 with 52/38 D

46/37 B with 52/39 B

49/76 A with 52/39 D

50/60 with 52/30

50/61 with 52/31

50/62 with 52/33

50/66 with 52/34

50/67 with 52/35

50/72 with 52/40

50/73 with 52/41

50/78 with 52/46

Add the following resolutions:

51/37	Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament
51/45 A	Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and its Preparatory Committee
51/45 P	Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol
52/36	Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons
52/37	Prevention of an arms race in outer space
52/38 A	Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction
52/38 B and R	Transparency in armaments
52/38 C	Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them
52/38 G	Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures
52/38 J	Small arms
52/38 S	Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia
52/39 A	United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific
52/42	Convention on Prohibition or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects
52/47	Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction

General Assembly decision

Add the following decision:

52/414	Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty